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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOLAR EXPERTS TO JAPAN

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- 1. MITI SOLAR ENERGY REP KOBAYASHI INFORMED SCICOUNS AUG 28 THAT MITI/AIST WISH US SOLAR EXPERTS TO DEFER VISIT TO JAPAN TO LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER BECAUSE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WILL BE TOO BUSY IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TO ACCOMODATE VISITORS.
- 2. SCICOUNS SUGGESTED THAT ITINERARY OF US TEAM INCLUDE VISIT TO EXPERIMENTAL QUOTE SOLAR HOUSE UNQUOTE BUILT IN SOKA CITY, SAITAMA PREFECTURE BY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER AT REQUEST OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA). THE HOUSE IS TWO-STORY WOODEN BUILDING WITH TOTAL FLOOR SPACE OF 65 SQ METERS AND ITS 47 SQ METER ROOF COVERED WITH SOLAR ENERRY COLLECTING PANEL. SINCE LAST JUNE 3 THE HOUSE HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY A YOUNG COUPLE WITH BABY TO TEST HOW MUCH OF TOTAL ENERGY NEEDS OF FAMILY CAN BE PROVIDED BY SUN. EXPERIMENT WILL LAST FOR TWO YEARS. IN RESPONSE, KOBAYASHI SAID ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR US TEAM TO VISIT THE HOUSE, IF US TEAM SO DESIRES, BUT SAID THAT SINCE THIS IS STA PROJECT IN WHICH MITI IS NOT INVOLVED IT IS DESIRABLE THAT US TEAM VISIT SIMILAR UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERIMENTAL HOUSE BEING BUILT IN KAWASAKI BY TOSHIBA

WITH MITI SUBSIDIES. THIS EXPERIMENTAL HOUSE IS SLATED FOR COMPLETION BY END OF SEPTEMBER SO THAT VISIT TO IT CAN BE INCORPORATED IN TEAM ITINERARY.

3. FYI: SCICOUNS IS PREPARING AIRGRAM ON FREON
GAS TURBINES MANUFACTURED BY ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES (IHI) FOR RECOVERY OF WASTE HEAT
OR FOR USE IN SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL OR DIFFERENTIAL
TEMPERTURE POWER SYSTEMS. AGAIN, VISIT TO THIS FACILITY
CAN BE INCORPORATED IN TEAM ITINERARY IF DESIRED.
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